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Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

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March 8, 1878.

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Hongkong, December 8, 1877.

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Hongkong, February 22, 1878.

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Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. HORATIO GAY JAMES was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st January, 1878.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, January 5, 1878. myl

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself at this Port as a MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the Style or Firm of GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., who will henceforward conduct the Agency of the AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

G. R. STEVENS.

Hongkong, December 29, 1877. myl

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, March 8, 1878. se8

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 雷字 H. H. (Wah Tse Yat Po), CHASSED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr. LEONG YOOK CHUN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new regime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM,

Leases of the Hongkong Chinese Mail, Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES von BOSE has been authorized to sign our Firm for prosecution at Canton.

CARLOWITZ & Co.

Canton, April 2, 1878. myl

Notices to Consignees.

INCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship OCEANIC, from San Francisco, etc., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

G. B. EMORY,

Agent.

Hongkong, April 23, 1878. ap26

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Free Insurance has been effected.

H. du POUYEY,

Agent.

Ex "Djemnah." WMS W. MacG. Smith, 1 case } from Belts. } London, Hongkong, April 10, 1878.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR NINGPO & SHANGHAI.

The Steamship

"AMOY,"

G. H. DREWES, Master, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, Thursday, the 26th instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, April 24, 1878. ap25

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

SHANGHAI, April 20th, 1878.

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., on TUESDAY, the 7th May, at Two o'Clock P.M.

BUSINESS.—To receive the Accounts of the Association for the fiscal Year ending September 30th, 1877.

The Transfer BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 7th May, inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,

RUSSELL & Co.,

Secretaries.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

SHANGHAI, April 20th, 1878.

NEW SHARE CERTIFICATES, in exchange for the Existing Ones, will be issued to Shareholders of record on the 18th May next.

It is requested that Shareholders will send in their Present Certificates as soon as possible after that date; and that those who have not yet signed the Deed of Settlement will do so without delay.

By Order of the Directors,

RUSSELL & Co.,

Secretaries.

To-day's Advertisements.

SAYLE & CO.

REAT REDUCTION in the PRICE of Plain Coloured GLACÉ SILKS. For a short time only. We shall offer Various Colours at one uniform Price, 60 Cents per Yard, some slightly soiled but all admirably suited for Summer Wear, Evening Dresses or Underslips. Our usual Price for these Goods is \$1.25 per Yard.

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WHITE DRESS GOODS, in Endless Variety.

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FRENCH and ENGLISH CORSETS, New Shapes, and GLOVE FITTING.

Fine WHITE FLANNELS, made specially for Summer Wear.

Fine INDIA LONG CLOTHES.

EMBROIDERIES, DRESS-MAKING and MILLINERY.

SAYLE & CO., VICTORIA EXCHANGE, Queen's Road, and Stanley Street.

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIAGO.

The British Steamer "MADRAS"

Captain Wm. RICHARDSON, will leave for the above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 27th instant, at Daylight, instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 24, 1878. ap27

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO.

SHAREHOLDERS resident in Hongkong are hereby notified that the Share Certificates are now READY FOR ISSUE, and can be obtained, in exchange for the Provisional Receipts, on application to the Undersigned.

J. KENNARD DAVIS, Agent.

Hongkong, April 24, 1878. myl

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ANTIOCH, American barque, Capt. W. B. Seymour.—Chinese.

LADAGO, American ship, Captain C. B. Pierce.—Captain.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, British barque, Captain A. McIntyre.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

FORWARD, British barque, Capt. James W. Vandervord.—Roxoro & Co.

RAFANATTIANHAR, British sloop, Capt. G. T. Hopkins.—Yuen Fat Hong.

MAID OF JUDAH, British barque, Capt. Alfred Wm. Webb.—Order.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 23, Brisbane, British barque, 394, Hudleston, Newchow April 5, Beans.—RUSSELL & Co.

April 24, Fuyow, Chinese steamer, from Canton.

April 24, Amoy, British steamer, from Swatow.

April 24, Djemnah, French steamer, 2416, Champenois, Shanghai April 21, Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

April 24, Yeo, British steamer, 560, S. Ashton, Foochow April 21, Amoy 22, and Swatow 23, General.—DOUGLAS LAFFRAIT & Co.

April 24, Amoy, British barque, 947, Peony, Kobe April 8, Rice.—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

April 24, Nansu, British surveying vessel, 877, R. H. Napier, Wenchow April 21.

April 24, Vorna, British steamer, 606, Walker, Swatow April 23, General.—KWOA KONG.

April 24, Sun-ke, Chinese gunboat, from Cheong-chow.

April 24, Benledi, British steamer, 999, Buchanan, Saigon April 19, Rice.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

April 24, Daphnis, French brig, 337, Bug, Lai-han, Luban April 6, General.—EDWARD SCHILLER & Co.

April 24, Sacramento, American ship, 1418, Wm. G. Nelson, Kobe April 9, Rice.—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Friday, 26th inst.

5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 27th inst.

7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.30 A.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.

Hongkong, April 13, 1878. ap27

DEPARTURES.

Apr. 24, Bowen, for Melbourne, &c.

24, Thata, for Port Darwin, &c.

CLEARED.

Helan, for Panian (Gulf of Siam).

Aberton, for Saigon.

Harkaway, for Manila.

Fuyow, for Shanghai.

Jean Pierre, for Bangkok.

Ngan Ying, for Macao.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

For Djemnah, from Hongkong; Mr. G. Sarry, Mrs. J. Sarry, Messrs. S. E. Warrell, Hon. J. H. Ferguson (Netherlands' Minister at Peking), Wai Chun, and 8 Chinese; for Marseilles, Mr. G. A. Stein, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Sarry, child and 2 servants, Mr. R. J. Abbott, Mrs. Ferguson, 3 children and servant, and Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins.

For Yeo, from Coast Ports, Mr. and Mrs. Richards and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pollock and child, Messrs. Hassell, Ainslie, Beaure, and Williams, and 180 Chinese.

For Norno, from Swatow, 50 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

For Bowen, for Australian Ports, Messrs. Quin and Barnaby, 6 Europeans Steerage, and 210 Chinese.

By Order of the Directors,

RUSSELL & Co.,

Secretaries.

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RUSSELL & Co.,

old clothes, and chop stick, and a few other small articles. The mate took possession of the powder; it looked like the powder found at the bottom of the basin. The case was finally adjourned until Friday next at 11 o'clock.

SUPREME COURT.

IN PROBATE.

(Before Acting Chief Justice Snowden.)

24th April, 1878.

An application was made by Mr Stephen, Esq., for the probate of the will and codicil, granted to Mrs Jean Sands, the widow of the late Mr. George Underwood Sands. The application was granted.

China.

FOOBOW.

(Herald, April 11th.)

It is stated in native official circles that Ling Puti will not return to office as Governor of this province. His Excellency has, we hear, obtained a further extension of leave, and this is the third application through that has been granted him he now, we believe, be permitted to retire from the public service of China should he so do.

All subscriptions to the local China Relief Fund exceed \$4,300, the sum of which has, we understand, been added to the Central Committee at Peking. To this sum it is possible that further amount (including contributions from those members of the community who have omitted to return their subscription lists) may have been added.

We are glad to observe that the Great Western Telegraph Company has re-established an Agency at this port. Last season the inconvenience was, we believe, experienced by many firms from the fact of the Company not being represented here, and the necessity that consequently arose of sending telegrams to Amoy or Shanghai, or keeping deposit accounts at those places. Another post-boat, under the management of Messrs. Dunnill & Brockett, is to come to be started on the 1st June, and to run for six months. This new enterprise will, we understand, in any way clash with the old-established service so ably managed by Messrs. Hedge & Co. The route for despatch of both boats will be sufficiently wide apart to facilitate correspondence with the shipping at Pagoda Anchorage; and this increased means of communication will doubtless be fully appreciated during the forthcoming busy season.

Successful experiments have been made in the week with the local Ice Machine, we are informed that the proprietors shortly announce the opening of the machine. The price of this luxurious article has been fixed at five cents per pound all day, a reasonable figure enough, we think, seeing that it is said to cost four cents to manufacture, and that no ice will be obtainable this summer in Hongkong under two cents per pound.

The annual native custom of visiting ancestral shrines has led to quite an animated scene on the hill-side during the last week. This time-honored observance of course to be commanded, and is no doubt in many cases prompted by a sincere feeling of reverence for the departed. But we must say that many of these afflicted ones are to all outward appearance very loyal mourners indeed, reminding us somewhat forcibly of that relic of barbarism—an Irish wake. "Lashings and laving" whiskey, cards, and "long life to the deceased," were prominent features of sepulture in the good old days of Hibernian antiquity; and we can now see similar discordant elements in full swing throughout the Flavory Land.

From Wenchow we learn of a most expected and extraordinary demand for opium. The Chinese dealers, in their anxiety to maintain prices, have for some time past abstained from getting the tea overland via Ningpo, lest steamers should arrive with direct supplies. In this they have been disappointed, as up to a month ago none of the steamers calling at the port conveyed opium, and the consequence was that the market was absolutely cleared of stock. It is needless to add that this state of things will not be allowed to continue.

(Herald, April 18th.)

H. B. M.'s Gunboat *Mooren* started for Amoy on the 11th instant.

The Customs cruiser *Ling Feng* left Pagoda Anchorage for Takao on the 14th instant.

In regard to the sum mentioned in our last issue as having been collected at this port in aid of the China Famine Relief Fund, we understand that about one-half the amount was contributed by Chinese residents.

The daily Courier Service between this port and Amoy, will probably be re-established on the 1st prox. It is proposed to conduct this service on about the same scale as last year, but an effort will be made to work the line during the winter months.

A correspondent at Pagoda Anchorage informs us, that on the 15th instant there was not a single merchant vessel—either steam or sailing ship—in port. From this the fact the outside world will be able to judge the anxious and absorbing interest that is shown in the development of the now nearly mature tea leaf.

We hear that the Alphabetical gunboats (four in number) leave for Tientsin at the end of the current week. On arrival at that port the European engineers and gunners, who we are told have already sent in their resignations, will be discharged, and the Chinese will then have the satisfaction of managing these white elephants in their own superior fashion.

We hear that H. E. the Viceroy started on a tour through the province on the 15th instant. It is, we believe, the intention of His Excellency to visit the principal towns of Fukien, and we also hear that the viceregal progress will be attended by the whole tribe of tax gatherers and yamen officers, whose particular business it will be to levy "patriotic subscriptions" in aid of the provincial exchequer, which is at present said to be in a very impoverished state.

Refreshing evidence of the occasional indifference shown by Chinese officials to the influence of *Fung Shui* is just now afforded in the removal of the Mamoo Telegraph posts from the river bank near Limpoo to a position further inland. If we remember rightly the same official opposed the erection of this line by the Great Northern Telegraph Company on the

alleged plea that it would, unless put up at about the river's edge, interfere with the local geomantic conditions. We shall be interested in seeing whether the obstructive vicinations of those who opposed the Great Northern Company's Telegraph scheme are borne out by the hard logic of facts.

"To what base uses we may return, Horatio!" We are positively assured that the Mamoo Arsenal Fleet, not even excepting that latest triumph and *chef-d'œuvre* of modern naval architecture, the composite ram and training vessel for cadets, known as No. 20, are being rapidly converted into colliers. One of these stately craft arrived a few days ago from Kelung with a full cargo of coal, including a heavy deck load! It is really gratifying to find that the infant navy of China is capable of being utilized; but of course it is to be regretted that such costly vessels should be condemned to employment of the nature described. It may be, however, that they are better suited to the transport of black diamonds, than to any other purpose—though the carrying of deck loads is a dangerous practice and attended by special risk during the typhoon season. As men-of-war they have certainly been extremely bad bargains. On this point, the strange handing of the Alphabetical Gunboats furnishes us with the following beautiful illustration, particulars of which are derived from the authority of an eyewitness. One of these gunboats went out for shot and shell practice with their 28 ton guns, at long range, a short time ago. The usual quantity of ammunition was served out, but it was observed that in firing there was no sign of disturbance within a full mile of the range—beyond the inevitable smoke and noise. On inquiring into the cause of this strange circumstance it was ascertained that the worthy Celestials were firing blank saluting charges! What matter, it may be argued, so long as the regulation allowance was fired.

SHANGHAI.

(Courier.)

THE NEW LOAN.—A Correspondent sends us the following:—

We hear that the new Loan by the Chinese Government is already launched for two million taels under the security of the Ningpo Customs revenue, bearing interest at the rate of 12 per milles per month. Several influential Chinese have already largely subscribed to the loan, and we believe some foreigners too have interested themselves in this new investment. The Government having been bothered a good deal to conform to the legal technicalities in launching loans through the medium of foreign Banks, and the delay it involves in going through the ordeal, before the money could be obtained, have adopted the simple and primeval method of borrowing money directly from the investors and the inducement of interest held out is such that there will be no difficulty in obtaining the money, especially as the amount is so small. On the other hand the increased coinage of silver currency in America has removed all apprehensions for the present as to the material depreciation in the value of silver, which was at one time anticipated. The proceeds of this loan will be required at once to be sent to Kaesgar, and the money will be withdrawn from circulation at Ningpo and Shanghai. Having only 3,000,000 taels in stock here, all of which will be required for tea purchases in Hankow shortly, and very little silver on the way out, those who are directly interested in the finances of this settlement may well look forward for a "squeeze" in the money market at no distant date.

We believe this is the same loan of which we gave particulars a week ago.—Ed. S. C.

We hear that a Loan has been settled between Taotai Wu and the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank for Tael 1,500,000, but the terms in which the contract is couched are so extraordinary that we merely mention the fact of its being concluded.

The Light-ship for Kiuton will be towed by the *Xuashing* to its proper mooring to-morrow (April 21st). She is a new vessel built by Messrs. Boyd & Co., from designs, and under the superintendence of Mr. Henderson, the Engineer in chief of the Customs Lighthouse Department. She is a composite vessel, and she is thoroughly well found with all the latest improvements.

The American barque *Agate*, which left New York for this port on the 6th November last, reports having encountered a strong N.W. gale near the Cape; and on the 3rd January a heavy hurricane, which caused the vessel to ship a large quantity of water. On the 4th March, the Captain of the American ship *Midnight*, from New York to Yokohama, came on board, reporting that his ship, on her passage, sprung a leak and had to put into Amboina, where she was condemned and her cargo transhipped to the American barque *Obed Bagot*.

(N.Y.)

The *Gazette* of the 18th March contains more edicts regarding the recent victories in Kienkang. The Tsing-tang is directed to ascertain the names of all officers who have been killed in action, beyond the frontier, during the years the campaign has lasted, with a view to confer posthumous rewards upon them.—A request by Tso Tsing-tang that a noble of the Khoaihoi tribe who has suffered much during the rebellion and rendered great assistance to the Imperial troops, may be rewarded by a peacock's feather, is also granted.

A meeting of Shareholders in the N.C. Insurance Company (term 1875-7) was held yesterday (April 17th). The Report showed that the Net Premium (after deduction of returns and cost of reinsurance) with other payments, amount to Tael 688,246.70, against a Working Account of Tael 860,581.60 to be carried forward, the total profit on the business of the Company up to the above date being Tael 1,821,011.22. In addition dividends already paid, a further return of 20 per cent to contributors and of Tael 75 a share to shareholders, was decided on.

We understand that, with the consent of the Municipal Council, a trial will be made at the Rite Butts in the course of a few days, of a Lowell battery gun belonging to the U.S. steamer *Monongahela*. The Lowell gun is something on the principle of the Gatling, except that it has but one barrel and a revolving cylinder.

NEWCHWANG.

3rd April, 1878.

The native authorities pretend to be moving in the matter of "native opium," and the Taotai has just returned from Mukien, where he had gone for the purpose of consulting the Tarter General. Now we learn that the loss of revenue through the increased cultivation of native

poppy has alarmed the Government. Of course if the Indian Drug be so taxed that it cannot compete with the native, there will be no import at all by-and-bye, which will be a very serious thing not only for the British exchequer, but for the Celestial pocket also. You will note that the wickedness of providing opium is very tall talk, so long as it goes favourably for the revenue; but when this is lessened, owing to the increased native growth, which surely, if so very baneful to the poor people, could be stopped, then measures are about to be adopted; to what intent? To the stoppage of Indian Drug? No!

To the prohibition of native because the latter interferes with the revenue derivable from the atrocious foreign stuff. What a lesson for our opium agitators! That native poppy is quickly gaining the ascendancy is proved by the facts that E. D. Sassoon and Co. have closed their business at this port, and D. Sassoon, Sons, and Co. will cease to exist as an agency by the end of this month.—*Shanghai Courier*.

MOUDEN.

16th March, 1878.

In a former letter I mentioned the attack by a body of soldiers on a house containing five robbers, with the result of losing their officer and three men and a subsequent heller-skeller retreat. Another much larger force, it is said 300 men, was sent on and found the 5 increased to 7. This large increase of nearly 50 per cent damped the ardour of the 300, especially as each of the 7 had a breech-loader, which they all could handle most dexterously. The horses of these robbers are splendidly trained and themselves drilled with a discipline whose rigour would cause half the Chinese army to desert. When the robber is armed with a common rifle, his horse gallops up within easy shot of the regulars—be fires, and the detonation is the sign for the horse to turn round and fly at his highest speed, without touch of bit or spur. He stands only when beyond shot of the regulars, and gallops as fast to the front again as soon as the piece is loaded. The rider too is one of the best. He can throw off one stirrup, draw his leg over the saddle, support himself with his knee on the seat, and throw his body under his horse, where he can load his piece. Many Mongols can equal this. Indeed almost all Mongols are first-rate riders. Another proof of the horsemanship of the robber is that a very ordinary horse under him is equal to a first-rate horse under an ordinary rider.

But our seven breechloaders adopted neither of these tactics, but, trusting to their superior weapons, they galloped right into the braves, who were somewhat disconcerted at the ceaseless crack, crack, and thought it best to give the seven a show room. The braves got back to Moukden some days ago, and reported the robbers fled. But long-legged and long-armed rumour was in before them and gave the

news of their defeat. The robbers were then cut at her again with the sword, inflicting a deep wound on her shoulder, when the noise of the disturbance brought a Corporal and a private of police, as well as some Malays, to the scene. The Chinese in the Campong also came forward, and this appeared to excite him to a violent degree. He ran amok among them, and wounded a number before he could be seized. At last the Corporal contrived to get a hold of him round the arms, and in the struggle both tumbled into the ditch. He afterwards freed himself, but he was finally secured and taken to the police station, where he died shortly afterwards.

whether from wounds inflicted by himself or others is not yet known, but may be discovered at the inquest upon his body, which will be held to-day. Nine persons, six Malays and three Chinese, are now in Hospital suffering from wounds inflicted by the deceased, and seven others are slightly wounded. The brother of the deceased man, upon hearing that he had been arrested by the police, rushed from his house with a sword, and jumped into a sampan. A Corporal of police, seeing this, jumped into the boat after him, when he struck at the Corporal and wounded him in the face. The latter seized him, and both tumbled out of the boat into the water, but the Corporal had to let go his hold to save his own life, and it is unknown whether the Maloy regained the boat or was drowned.

A SIBERIAN DINNER PARTY.

A traveller in Siberia last winter writes as follows: Our dinner party in the evening and it was really a dinner party—was extremely merry. Each one laid his stores under contribution. Some brought out frozen bread, others frozen varnish, others frozen preserves, others again, sausages which could not be bent even if put across the knees and pulled with the strength of both arms. Can you imagine, without laughing, the appearance presented of seven half-famished people sitting at a table with thirty different dishes before them, and unable to touch one at the risk of breaking their teeth? Nothing could be done except to wait patiently for the various dishes to be thawed by sitting on them. At the close of the dinner we ate excellent fruit, which had been kept frozen. Throughout Siberia, as soon as very cold weather sets in, all fruits are placed out of doors, with a northern exposure, that the sun may never touch them. They are frozen through and through, and retain their flavor as completely as if they had just been plucked from the tree.

THE AMERICAN SILVER BILL.

To the Editor of the *Pall Mall Gazette*.—Sir.—The papers on the Bland Bill in the *Pall Mall Gazette*, though no doubt expressing a very just feeling, do, I believe, somewhat exceed the mark. For the immediate effect of the bill was a rise of silver from 54 to 55, reducing the difference in the value of silver between market and American legal tender price at one jump by more than $\frac{1}{2}$; the difference having originally been that between 53 and 54, and being after the rise reduced to that between 53 and 54—that is to say, to almost exactly 5 per cent. Even as a permanent tax that would not be very enormous. But there is every reason to expect that silver will, before long, really be worth 53. For it is a general law, to be observed, especially in countries with paper currencies unbacked by metal, like Russia and Austria, that every kind of money tends to rise to the nominal value. Russian paper rubles were worth 25d. in 1867 and had risen to 33d. in 1876, only because their value is about 39d. For no one expects to get gold or silver for them. If the rise had not been checked by the war it would very probably have gone on to its utmost possible limit. In Austria, where also no one expects to get gold or silver for his paper florins had about a year ago risen to 97 per cent. of their silver value. It would be too long to explain the causes of the law which I have above stated, and the existence of which is undeniably. Another fact is also worth mentioning. Prussia had a gold coin, the Friedrich d'or; and there used to be a good many ducats in Prussia. The ducats were foreign coins, Austrian and Dutch, and had no fixed legal value even when they were coined; being considered simply as a certain weight of nearly pure gold (23.1 I believe). Yet the price of the ducats always was 8 thalers 6 silver. If they were to be worth 53, it would be 53. For it is a general law, to be observed, especially in countries with paper currencies unbacked by metal, like Russia and Austria, that every kind of money tends to rise to the nominal value. Russian paper rubles were worth 25d. in 1867 and had risen to 33d. in 1876, only because their value is about 39d. For no one expects to get gold or silver for them. If the rise had not been checked by the war it would very probably have gone on to its utmost possible limit. In Austria, where also no one expects to get gold or silver for his paper florins had about a year ago risen to 97 per cent. of their silver value. It would be too long to explain the causes of the law which I have above stated, and the existence of which is undeniably.

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Venus flew back; the boy was free; For Jove, on special mission, Had sent him green-eyed Jealousy, Juno's own state physician, The cure, much worse than the disease, Olympus shook with laughter; For Love was never at his ease, And never slumbered after.

Miscellaneous.

No man really understands the decline of the drama until he has written a play which has been politely declined by a manager.

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SINCE the Secretary of State for War announced a few nights ago that one English army corps is complete in every respect, and that a second will also shortly be ready to take the field, the question has been frequently asked, What is the strength of an army corps, and what troops does it comprise? In round numbers an English army corps contains, when all its several parts are placed on their full war establishment, very nearly 37,000 of all ranks. Of these in round numbers again, 5,000 officers and men belong to the medical, commissariat, and administrative departments; leaving 32,000 of all ranks belonging to the infantry, cavalry, artillery, and engineers. The army corps, again, consists of three divisions of infantry, a brigade of cavalry, a force of artillery distinguished as the "corps artillery," and a complement of engineers. Each division of infantry also comprises a force of artillery and cavalry, as well as foot soldiers. To give its composition more in detail, it consists of two brigades of infantry, each brigade comprising three battalions, a battalion of rifles, a regiment of cavalry, three batteries of field artillery, a company of engineers, and an ammunition reserve column. The cavalry brigade consists of three regiments of cavalry and a battery of horse artillery. The corps artillery comprises three batteries of horse artillery and two batteries of field artillery, besides an ammunition reserve column. Altogether, therefore, an army corps includes twenty-one battalions of infantry, or, in round numbers, 91,000 bayonets; six regiments of cavalry, or 3,000 sabres; and fifteen batteries of artillery, or ninety guns.

BERZELIUS, Sept. 1869.—Gentlemen, I feel it a duty I owe to express my gratitude for the great benefit I have derived by taking "Norton's Camomile Pill." I applied to your agent Mr. Bell, Berkley, for the above-named Pill, for wind in the stomach, from which I suffered excruciating pain for a length of time, having tried nearly every remedy prescribed, but without deriving any benefit at all. After taking two bottles of your valuable Pill, I was quite restored to my usual state of health. Please give this publicity for the benefit of those who may be afflicted.

—I am, Sir, yours truly, HENRY ALLAN.—To the Proprietors of Norton's Camomile Pill.—Berkley.

WYLO, 18th April, 1878.—Gentlemen, I have the pleasure to inform you that I have just received a box of your Camomile Pill. I have had a very early in life a severe attack of the disease, and was then too cold the skin, and the swelling, and the

Mails.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.
STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;
ALSO,
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CAL-
CUTTA AND BOMBAY.

ON SATURDAY, the 27th April 1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S. *DE MARS*, Commandant CHAMPENOIS, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 26th April, 1878. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUHEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 20, 1878. ap27



STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean
Forts, Southampton,
and London.

Also,
Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and
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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
N.I.Z.A.M., Captain A. BARLOW, will
leave this on SATURDAY, the 4th May,
at Noon.

For further particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent.
Hongkong, April 20, 1878. my4

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
ship Company.
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TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
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STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
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THE S. S. "OCEANIC" will be de-
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hama, on THURSDAY, the 9th May,
at 2 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to
Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
6 p.m. of the 8th May. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-
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SPECIAL REDUCTIONS granted to
Officers of the ARMY and NAVY and to
Members of the CIVIL and CONSULAR
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For further information as to Freight
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G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, April 20, 1878. my8

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Notes and Queries:—
The Manchu Terms for 1, 2, 3, and 4.
The Manmou in Chinese Records.

Mohammedan Apostles in China.
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Life Saving Association, and other
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Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

Office Mail Office,
Hongkong, March 19, 1878.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & Co.,
PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS,
Queen's Road East,
HONG KONG.

September 15, 1877.

AFONG,

PHOTOGRAPHER,
by appointment, to
H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,
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present Russo-Turkish War, Eminent British
Statesmen, the two Chinese Ambassadors,
in Cabinet and Card de Visite sizes.
Coloured Portraits of English Ladies.

Hongkong, August 24, 1877.

ESTATE OF DODD & Co.

AT the MEETING held on the 12th
Instant at Messrs. Dodd & Co.'s
OFFICES, the following RESOLUTIONS
were carried:—

1. That the affairs of the said Dodd
& Co. shall be Liquidated by arrangement,
and not in Bankruptcy.

2. That FRANCIS CHOMLEY be, and he
is hereby appointed Trustee.

3. That H. ABENDROTH and EDMUND
Pye be, and they are hereby appointed a
Committee of Inspection.

ALL PAYMENTS on account of the
Estate, it is requested, will be Paid to the
order of the Undersigned.

F. CHOMLEY,
Trustee for the Estate of
DODD & Co.

Amoy, January 14, 1878.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY,
IN LIQUIDATION.

A FOURTH RETURN OF CAPITAL
at the Rate of THREE TABLES
per SHARE will be made to Shareholders
of Record on the 1st April, Payable at the
Office of the Liquidators, on MONDAY,
the 8th April.

Warrants will then be delivered by the
Undersigned to Shareholders, or their
lawful representatives, on presentation of
Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 8th
April inclusive.

By Order,
RUSSELL & Co.,
Liquidators.

Shanghai, March 30, 1878. my4

Insurances.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
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China and Japan, and at Singapore,
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JAS. B. COUGHLTRIE,
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Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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for their decision.

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Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

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Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

HONGKONG, October 14, 1869.

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CIATION.

CAPITAL—Fully Paid up..... Th. 420,000
PERMANENT RESERVE..... 230,000
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND..... 75,000
Total Capital and accumula- | Th. 725,000

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M. W. BOYD, Esq. | C. KREBS, Esq.
M. E. EVANS, Esq. | C. LUCAS, Esq.

Secretaries:

Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Shanghai,
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Messrs. BARING BROTHERS & Co.

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all parts of the World, at current
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Subject to a charge of 12% for interest
on Shareholders' Capital, ALL THE PROFITS
of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS will be
annually distributed among all Contributors
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premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1877. oc1

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NOTICE.

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In accordance with the Company's Articles
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are distributed annually to Contributors,
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premium contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surance at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,

Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

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Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

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COMPANY, LIMITED.

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CHUOY CHAN, Merchant.

Manager—HO AMEL.

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Hongkong, August 22, 1877. an23

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